

**REMARKS**

Claims 21-46 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the inventions identified as Groups I-XIV are present in the claims:

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Groups I-XIV are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicants elect to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, Claims 21-29. However, Applicants reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter in this application.

Furthermore, it is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-identified application prior to examination.

By means of the present Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, claims 30, 44 and 45 have been canceled and claims 31-43 have been amended to depend from independent claim 21 (either directly or through an intervening claim).

Unless re-joined by the Examiner, claims 31-43 will be subsequently identified as "Withdrawn."

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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